

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS, please amend PARAGRAPHS 0027 and 0028 as follows:

[0027] FIGS. 5A-5E are illustrations of the floor drying system feature of the invention[.]; and


[0028] FIGS. 6A and 6B are side and end views, respectively, of the floor plate of the floor drying aspect of the invention, and FIG. 6C is a cross-sectional detail of the grid of the floor drying aspect of the invention, and FIG. 6D is a top-view detail of a section of the same grid[.]; and

Please add after PARAGRAPH 0028 as follows:

FIGURE 7 illustrates in cross-section the membrane, grid, and manifold.

In the DETAILED DESCRIPTION, Please amend the first five sentences of PARAGRAPHS 0045 as follows:

"[0045] Floor Drying System. The floor drying aspect of the invention will now be described. While the previous aspects of the invention can be used to dry floors, the following aspect of the new system is particularly advantageous in drying floors, especially hardwood floors. Referring now to FIGS. 5A-5E, what is illustrated is the general method of the new system for drying floors, using the components described in greater detail in FIG. 6. Specifically, FIG. 5A shows the grid 78 laid on the wet floor 56 with a floor plate 70 thereon, and both covered with the impermeable membrane 60. This membrane is sealed around its perimeter with

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tape 64, and is being pierced just above the barbed nozzles 72 of the floor plate 70. FIG. 5B shows the membrane fitted neatly over the barbed nozzles 72 of the floor plate..."

Please add after PARAGRAPH 0045 as follows:

FIGURE 7 illustrates in cross-section the arrangement of the membrane, floor plate, and strands of the grid. The grid 78 (enclosed dashed oval inset) is shown with superimposing strands 80 and 82. The grid 78 is placed on the floor 56 (large dashed line). The floor plate 70 is placed over the grid 78. The membrane 60 is shown covering the floor plate 70, circumscribing the nozzle 72, and covering and extending over the grid 78. Along the periphery of the membrane 60, tape 64 secures the membrane 60 to the floor 56.

No new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments to the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS and the DETAILED DESCRIPTION. Element numbers have been added so that the specification reads consistently with the added element numbers of the amended and new figures.

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